MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) ; (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A portion of the river between the ferry crossing at Alwaye and the railway bridge has been brought under maintenance. The river is ordinarily navigable throughout the year up to the Vallam landing near Perumbavoor and from there to Malayattur for six months in the year, except in floods and dry weather. Beyond Malayattur, it is not intended to render it navigable.

Alwaye District Hospital.

2. *MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of in-patients and out-patients treated during each of the years 1108 and 1109 in the District Hospital, Alwaye ;

(*b*) the number of beds available for in-patients in the hospital ;

(*c*) the number of patients (i) women (ii) children that attended the hospital during each of the years 1108 and 1109 ;

(*d*) whether representations have not been made to Government urging the increase in the number of beds in the hospital, the opening of a maternity ward and the appointment of a lady doctor ; and

(*e*) if so, the action taken ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) :

(*a*)

Year.	*In-patient.*	*Daily average.*	*Out-patient.*	*Daily average.*
1108	421	13·34	34,462	256·76
1109	456	17·00	34,770	260·21

(*b*) 36.

(*c*)

Year	*Total number*		*Daily average.*	
	Women.	*Children.*	*Women.*	*Children.*
1108	10,450	12,254	84·34	94·12
1109	10,233	12,864	77·95	96·60

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Government enquired into the matter and found that, since not even half the number of beds in the hospital was ordinarily occupied in a day, no increase in the number of beds was necessary and that the opening of a maternity ward and the appointment of a lady doctor in the hospital were also not urgent requirements.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) ; May I know from the Government member whether there were times when the number of patients exceeded the number of beds ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : I have no information.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know from the member when exactly the number of beds did not suffice the requirements of the patients ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : I have no information that such situation has ever arisen.

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MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): With reference to the answer to part (*c*) of the question, may I know who attends to maternity cases?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Paysician*): The Medical Officer.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know why Government think that the opening of a maternity ward and the appointment of a lady doctor in the hospital are not urgent requirements?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): Government, as the result of enquiry into the matter, are of this opinion,

Road from Aroor-Shertala road to the Tirumala temple.

3. ✻MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (*Commerce and Industry North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they propose to construct a road in the near future leading from the Aroor-Shertala road to the Tirumala temple at Turavoor and

(*b*) whether they are aware of the great inconveniences and difficulties, especially in the rainy season, caused to the people and to the students attending the High School attached to the temple, for want of a road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*): May I know from the member whether any work is going on now?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, the question is whether Government propose to construct a road, and I do not know whether work is going on now or not.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the member whether the site necessary for the construction of the road has been handed over?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I believe it has been.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): May I know whether the work will be taken up soon?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): Will it be finished soon?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I hope so.

Attingal Municipal Council.

4. ✻MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a non-official President for the Attingal Municipality;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, in which year the non-official President was replaced by the official President;

(*c*) whether there is a demand for a non-official President for the said Municipality;

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